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ACTION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, FOR  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, ATTN: LOUIS ANN BEAVER,  
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS;  
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SUBJECT: EMBASSY RESPONSE TO FDA REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF  
PROPOSED GRANT FDA ORPHAN PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AWARD: GRANT  
1 RO1 FD 003371-01, PHASE II STUDY ETHANOL GEL L0122 VS  
SOLUTION IN CVM: (IND 70,379; 02/06/06)

REF: STATE 05829

1. U.S. Consul at Embassy's subsidiary American Presence  
Post in Toulouse, France met with ORFAGEN President Patrick  
Dupuy on 1 February in response to request in referenced  
telegram. Consul confirms that a spin-off of Pierre Fabre  
Laboratories, ORFAGEN, specializes in developing  
dermatological treatments for rare conditions. The company  
works closely with laboratories in the U.S., especially at  
U.S. research universities, as well as with Pierre Fabre  
researchers to develop its specialty products, although it  
retains "ownership" of products. ORFAGEN plans to establish  
a U.S. subsidiary in Vermont or New Jersey, employing  
approximately fifteen people. The staff at its Toulouse  
office are primarily pharmacists, two of whom plan to travel  
to Baltimore at the end of February in connection with the  
subject project. Mr. Dupuy expressed considerable interest  
in the FDA grant.

2. Embassy sees no objection from a foreign policy  
perspective to the provision of this award to ORFAGEN.

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